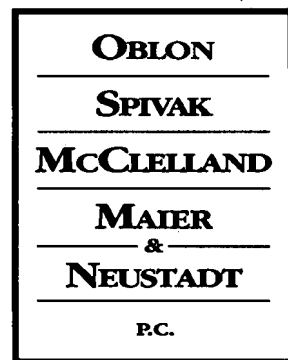




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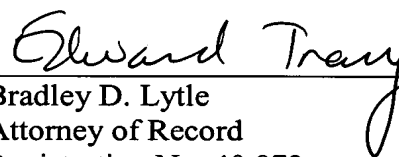
Applicants direct the attention of the Examiner to the following reference of record considered in this application by Examiner Yeh on June 26, 2007: R. NEFF, et al., IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology, vol. 7, no. 1, pages 158-171, "VERY LOW BIT-RATE VIDEO CODING BASED ON MATCHING PURSUITS", February 1997.

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